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## **Honolulu Liquor Commission Approves Rule Changes**

- Key Amendments involve licensee/community mediation in contested cases and a new Rule dealing with bribery and undue influence -
  - The Amendments [except as noted below] are now being forwarded to the Mayor and City Council for final approval and implementation -

**HONOLULU** (**Feb. 28, 2005**) – The Honolulu Liquor Commission took the following action at its 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the fiscal year on Feb. 24, 2005:

The Commission discussed and approved all pending Amendments to the Rules of the Liquor Commission as earlier presented in a public hearing on January 25, 2005, except to defer decision-making on Rule 3-83-53.3 (pertaining to Guaranty) and Rule 38-9 (pertaining to Retail Manager requirements). In addition, the Commission declined to adopt a proposed revision to Rule 101.5-4 (pertaining to employment of minors in Hostess category licensees) and decided to keep existing Rule 38-3 (pertaining to preparation of drinks on open bars).

Among the highlights of the Amendments include detailed mediation rules for contested cases between licensees and the community, a Rule prohibiting the use of advance warning systems in licensed establishments when liquor investigators enter the premises, and a new Rule prohibiting the use of any form of bribery or undue influence with liquor investigators. As the next step in the approval process, the revised Amendments to the Rules will now be submitted to the Mayor and City Council for final approval and implementation. Copies of Amendments to the Rules are available at the Liquor Commission offices at 711 Kapiolani Blvd., suite 600 or visit www.honolulu.gov/liq.

During the adjudication portion of the meeting, the Commission accepted pleas and fines as follows:

- Club Golden Dream (nka London Hub) (no contest) and Friends Restaurant & Bar (guilty) each were fined \$250 for violations of Rule 38-5(a) (non-registered employee).

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- **Leah Liquor** (no contest) was fined \$250 for violation of Rule 38-9(a)(2) (failing to have a duly registered manager or assistant manager assigned to the licensed premises).
- **Non-Stop Liquor Store** (no contest) was fined \$2,000 for two violations of Section 281-78(b)(1)(A) HRS (selling alcohol to a minor).

During the public hearing portion of the meeting, the Commission voted to approve:

- Application from **39 Hotel LLC** for a Dispenser General license (Cat. No. 3 – Live entertainment or Recoded Music and Dancing).

During the preliminary hearings portion of the meeting, the Commission voted to approve:

- Application from C Chang Corporation for the transfer of the business and Dispenser
   General license (Cat. No. 4 Hostess) of Hiro & Jun Corporation (dba Club Candy). The
   Commission also approved a Temporary Dispenser General license.
- Application from E&J Lounge Operating Co, Inc. for a Dispenser General license (Cat.
   No. 3 Live entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing).
- Application from **Jeong Rok Lim** (dba **Dukeobi Jib Restaurant**) for a Restaurant General license (Cat. No. 2 Live entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing).
- Application from Clipper Café and Deli LLC for a Restaurant Beer and Wine license (Cat.
   1 Standard Bar).
- The continuance of an application from Kalihi Grocery Outlet, Inc.

During the license applications and request portion of the meeting, the Commission voted to approve:

- Application from **Terry's Autumn Moon Lounge, Inc.** for renewal of its Temporary Dispenser General license.
- Application from Perfect Circle, LLC for a Temporary Dispenser General license (Cat. No. 3 Live entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing).
- Request from Tamura Enterprises, Inc. (dba Tamura's Market) for approval to permanently extend its licensed premises.

The Commission also reviewed the Hotel Class license procedure and other requirements and reviewed current 2005 Session legislative proposals.

The Honolulu Liquor Commission aims to promote our community's health, safety and welfare by effectively and fairly administering Hawaii's liquor laws. For more information about the Commission, please visit www.honolulu.gov/liq.